

FAMILY COURT

| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 31,477 | 33,077 | 1,600 | 5.1% |
| Kent County | 11,537 | 11,725 | 188 | 1.6% |
| Sussex County | 13,048 | 12,870 | -178 | -1.4% |
| State | 56,062 | 57,672 | 1,610 | 2.9% |

| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Dispositions | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 32,981 | 31,471 | -1,510 | -4.6% |
| Kent County | 12,244 | 11,610 | -634 | -5.2% |
| Sussex County | 13,010 | 12,839 | -171 | -1.3% |
| State | 58,235 | 55,920 | -2,315 | -4.0% |

Total Cases Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2007

1. The unit of count in Family Court for adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, and civil cases is the filing.
2. A criminal or delinquency filing is defined as one incident filed against one individual. Each incident is counted separately so that multiple incidents brought before the Court on a single individual are counted as multiple charges.
 - a. A single criminal or delinquency filing may be comprised of a single or multiple charges relating to a single incident.
 - b. A criminal filing is received by the Court in the form of an information or a complaint, and a delinquency filing is received by the Court in the form of a petition or a complaint.
3. A civil filing is defined as a single civil incident filed with Family Court. A civil incident is initiated by a petition. In a divorce, although the petition may contain multiple ancillary matters to the divorce, it is counted as one filing.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts